

Grace Episcopal Church
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
November 24, 2024

Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus,
helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ
by sharing God's love with the world.

Processional:	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	Hymnal (red) 494
Holy Eucharist Rite Two		BCP (blue) p 355
The Gloria		BCP p 356
The Collect		BCP p 236

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons BCP 357

A Reading from 2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last 5fwords of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:
The spirit of the LORD speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting
covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown
away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on
the spot.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 132:1-13 (14-19): *Memento, Domine*

1 LORD, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;
2 How he swore an oath to the LORD *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
3 "I will not come under the roof of my house," *
nor climb up into my bed;
4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."
6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees
before his footstool."

8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-place, *
you and the ark of your strength.
9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.
10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:
12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them, *
their children will sit upon
your throne for evermore."

A reading from the book of Revelations 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was
and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are
before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful
witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the
kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his
blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his
God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever
and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Hymnal #435

The Holy Gospel according to John (18:33-37)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. J. Jeffrey Baker

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Form VI

BCP p 392

A Prayer for Change: Lord, give us the courage to view the future with hope and expectancy and, most of all, with faith. In the face of change, help us set aside our fears, and urge us to seek and see your hand at work, while opening our hearts to recognize that change brings new life. *Amen.*

14 [For the LORD has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:
15 "This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
16 I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.
17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, *
and her faithful people will rejoice and sing.
18 There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my Anointed.
19 As for his enemies,
I will clothe them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine."]

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A Prayer for Pilgrims: Almighty God our Father, whose blessed son came not to be ministered to, but to minister; we pray for your browsing on this pilgrimage team. Continue to provide the financial resources and support needed for this journey. God, as your servants follow in the footsteps of Your Son Jesus, living and serving their neighbor, fill them with wisdom, patience, perseverance, humility, and courage. Enable them to share their gifts generously with those whom they meet. Give this team an attentive mind and compassionate heart to see the face of Christ in all those whom they may encounter. Give your servants daily encouragement and a ready will. Inspire them with your love, that they may worthily minister in your name., in a spirit of reconciliation, with God and with every neighbor. Keep your servants safe from injury and bring them home renewed and rejoicing. All this we all through Him who laid down his life for us, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Aaron Lephart, Valerie Lephart, Margaret, Gerald Brothers, Karl Kramp, Ray, Beth, Belle, Cheri L., Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew and Janice, Jeanne K., Dorothy Ferguson, Pat & Ray Newyear, Sheila S., Deb B., Carolyn Stacks, George & Sandra Luther, Chuck Yaichner, Chris Junda, Tim Mackey, John and Joyce Hoste, Bev & Ken Schutt, Susan S., Mark S., Mary, Tara T., Teddy Trump, Frank Burkacki, Lucille P., Kathy Hill, Caroline H., Jeanne Schupp, Shirley Wilkes, Jennifer M., Dick Dearborn, Jodi, Jess, Patty and Mike. Joe, Amelia Nash, Karen, Sarah, and Margaret G., Drake, Willow, Luke B., Bill Lang, Cathy Waller, Bob, Billy Stoldt, Katana E., Jeannine Wendorff, Jamie Seymour, Geri, and Riley Gumto. And the Moore family.

We celebrate the anniversary of Chris and Carol Burke.

The Confession

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The Peace

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Grace Choir

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer B

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Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

Hymnal S-130

Memorial Acclamation

Hymnal S-138

The Great Amen

Hymnal S-147

The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S-164

Communion Hymn

Jesus is our King

Praise Book #36

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn

We Gather Together

Hymnal #433

The Dismissal

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Anyone interested in more information about the Episcopal Church, becoming a member, being received, this book study will help those interested walking down this path in a fun and interesting way. The book: Walk in Love, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices. Let Fr. Jeff know or leave a message with the office. 440-942-1015 office@gracewilloughby.org

Celebrant	Fr. J. Jeffrey Baker	Choir Practice, Thursdays, at 7pm. Come learn some beautiful music with us!! Host Coffee Hour Let the office know, then provide a tray of treats (cookies, brownies, fruit etc.). Then make coffee and put out water and juice. Finally, clean up. Sign up for Altar Flowers.... The 2024 Sign-up is in the hallway. Giving Altar Flowers is a way to express our thankfulness and to celebrate our many blessings. Flowers for one Sunday are \$40.
Altar Guild	Nancy Brothers, Lynn Kramp, Peggy Burkacki	
Lectors	Greg Mackey, Deb Zimmerman	
Chalice Bearer	Greg Mackey	
Crucifer	Greg Mackey	
Usher	Deb Zimmerman	
Zoom Host	Konnor Thompson	
Music:	Scott Arra and Grace Choir	

This Week at Grace

Sun, 24-November

9:30 am	Eucharist with Music	Sanctuary
3 pm	Gaining Independence	Gathering
5 pm	Scouts BSA	Undercroft
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Undercroft

Mon, 25-November

7:30 pm	NA Meeting	Undercroft
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Tues, 26-November

7 p	Bible Study	Link on website
7 p	GA	Undercroft
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft

Wed, 27-November

10 am	Group Study	Link on website
3:30 p	Gaining Independence	Undercroft

Thu, 28-November: Thanksgiving

7 p	Choir	Sanctuary
7 p	GA	Undercroft
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft

Fri, 29-November

12 noon	Social Hour	Link on website
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft

Sat, 30-November

Sun, 1-December

9:30 am	Eucharist with Music	Sanctuary
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Konnor Thompson, Mary Miragliotta, Peggy Burkacki, Ray Sphatt, and Greg Mackey

Sat, 7-December

5 pm	Lessons and Carols	Sanctuary
6 pm	Christmas Party!!	Gathering Rm